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DOMESTIC SUGAR INDUSTRY. SPOKESMEN FOR FOREIGN PRO-
DUCERS AS WELL AS FOR DOMESTIC PRODUCERS AND USERS
(INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS) DELIVERED STATEMENTS. COSTA
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THE COMMON THEME IN THE REMARKS OF THE PRODUCERS, BOTH
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FORE ADDRESSED THE QUESTION OF IMPORT IMPACT LESS
EFFECTIVELY.

THE ITC HAS SCHEDULED TWO MORE HEARINGS IN NEW ORLEANS
NOVEMBER 18 AND SAN FRANCISCO NOVEMBER 30. ITS DECISION
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DEADLINE IS MARCH 17, 1977. SOME OTHER FOREIGN PRO-
DUCERS ARE LIKELY TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES AT THESE SITES.
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JAMAICA, GUYANA, AUSTRALIA AND SWAZILAND. THE ITC WILL
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